

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of claims:

Claims 1-14 (Cancelled)

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): A device for retaining an excess portion of a lead that is implanted within or on a surface of a brain of a patient wherein access to the brain is provided through a burr hole in a skull of a patient, the device comprising:

a burr hole ring having an aperture configured to receive the lead therethrough and an outside surface, the burr hole ring being configured to be secured to the skull wherein the aperture in the burr hole ring is in general alignment with the burr hole, the outside surface of the burr hole ring including a spiral groove that extends from the aperture to at least one outlet periphery of the outside surface of the burr ring, the spiral groove dimensioned such that the excess portion of the lead can be stored in at least one loop in the spiral groove;

wherein the groove includes a plurality of concentric grooves extending circumferentially around the outside surface of the burr hole ring, and at least one generally radial groove in the outside surface communicating with the plurality of concentric grooves, the radial groove extending to an outlet at a periphery of the outside surface of the burr hole ring.

Claims 16-19 (Cancelled)

Claim 20 (Original): The device of claim 15 wherein the burr hole ring is formed from a resilient material.

Claim 21 (Original): The device of claim 15 wherein at least a section of the excess portion of the lead is retained in the retaining means in one of a plurality of different coiling configurations.

Claims 22-45 (Cancelled)